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Airline Passenger Traffic Up 9.8% in October

WASHINGTON, DC, November 18, 1987 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 9.8 percent in October compared with the same month a year ago and was up 12.0 percent for the first ten months of 1987, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in October registered a gain of 5.3 percent and available seat miles increased 5.2 percent. Load factor was 58.2 percent compared to 58.1 percent for the same month a year ago.

International passenger traffic in October rose 30.8 percent, available seat miles were up 14.6 percent and load factor was 65.7 percent, up from 57.6 percent in October 1986.

For the first ten months of this year, domestic passenger traffic was up 9.1 percent and available seat miles increased 6.9 percent. Load factor was 62.6 percent compared to 61.3 percent for the same 1986 period.

International passenger traffic in the first ten months registered a gain of 25.5 percent. Available seat miles rose 11.1 percent and load factor was 66.8 percent, up from 59.1 percent in October 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1987 - 1986

		OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPMs (000)	ASMs (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPMs (000)	ASMs (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	25,053,551	43,061,952	58.2	265,552,308	424,316,817	62.6
	86	23,796,261	40,930,066	58.1	243,407,161	396,980,759	61.3
PERCENT CHANGE		5.3	5.2		9.1	6.9	
INTERNATIONAL	87	6,723,234	10,230,988	65.7	66,932,590	100,219,916	66.8
	86	5,141,052	8,928,613	57.6	53,346,225	90,212,086	59.1
PERCENT CHANGE		30.8	14.6		25.5	11.1	
TOTAL	87	31,776,785	53,292,940	59.6	332,484,898	524,536,733	63.4
	86	28,937,313	49,858,679	58.0	296,753,386	487,192,845	60.9
PERCENT CHANGE		9.8	6.9		12.0	7.7	

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